Monday, *the* $\frac{31st\ July\ 1944}{16th\ Karkadagam\ 1119}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. B. M. Peter, K. M. Ibrahim, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. K. Nayar, C. J. Luiz, H. J. Walmesley and K. R. Ramakrishnan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HILL PADDY SCHEME—PARTICULARS OF

126. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state what is the actual average yield per acre in the Hill Paddy cultivation scheme obtained in the year 1118?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* A net yield of 75,000 paras of paddy was obtained from an area of 5,000 acres. The average yield was only 15 paras per acre due to adverse weather conditions.

GROW MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN—ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRIVATE PARTIES

127. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the extent of acreage brought under cultivation after the Grow More Food Campaign was started inside the State;

(*b*) what encouragements have been given and granted for the purpose to private parties who took to the "Grow More Food Scheme";

(*c*) what are the various kinds of food grown under the Grow More Food Campaign during the last two years and the extra quantities of food stuffs produced as a result of the campaign?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 21,000 acres. (11,000 acres of poramboke lands under the Food Production Scheme and 10,000 acres, under the Hill Paddy Scheme).

(*b*) Food Production loans at the rate of Rs. 15 per acre were granted to the ryots to whom the lands were leased out, in deserving cases.

Loans of seeds such as paddy, chama, ragi and pulses were given to the cultivators as also tapioca sets from the Agricultural Department on kychit system, on condition that the loans so issued should be repaid at the time of harvest of the crop.

A subsidy of 10 per cent which was subsequently enhanced to 25 per cent to the purchasers of manures from the Government manure depots, is also granted.

Manure was also sold to Agriculturists on credit.

(*c*) Paddy, Tapioca, Millets like Chama and Ragi, pulses like Red Gram and Horse Gram, etc., vegetables and plantains; exact statistics are not available.

AVERAGE YIELD—RAISING OF

128. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state what actual concrete attempts have been made to find whether it is practical to raise the average yield per acre in Cochin from 1,250 lbs. to 2,400 lbs. or just over a ton of paddy per acre;

(*b*) whether any experiment has been carried out with proper and better plant, drainage and irrigation anywhere in the State by the Department of Agriculture to see whether the land experimented upon could yield more than 1,250 lbs. of paddy per acre;

(*c*) if such experiments have been made will Government be pleased to state the locality where such experiments have been made and the results?

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Experiments conducted at the Central Farm have shown that it is possible to increase the yield of paddy anything from 25 per cent to 50 per cent by the application of manure. The results of these experiments are demonstrated in the lands of the ryots in different centres of the State. A vigorous campaign in the manuring of paddy is conducted all over the State and people are advised to manure their crops with suitable manure. Government have also offered a subsidy of 25 per cent in the selling price of manure to enable the ryots to manure their crops. These measures are proving very effective. A selected kind of paddy, Cochin I (Chitteni) which gives an increase yield of 15 to 20 per cent is distributed among the cultivators and it has become popular with them.

(*b*) Experiments conducted in the Central Farm with the improved kind of Cochin I evolved by the Department show that an increased yield of 15 to 20 per cent can be obtained in Mundakan paddy lands. No experiments on drainage and irrigation have been conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

(*c*) The experiment was first conducted in the Government Central Farm, Ollukkara, and the seed was distributed among the ryots when it was found that an increased yield of 15 to 20 per cent can be obtained. The improved kind is now cultivated in different parts of the State.

COLLECTIONS MADE UNDER THE PORT ROADS CONTROL ACT AND CUSTOMS

129. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of collections made under the Port Roads Act ;

(*b*) the total amount of the customs collected ;

(*c*) the percentage of the customs collection that the State gets at present and the total amount of customs apportioned to the State and received in the years 1118 and 1119 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The amount of collections made under the Cochin Port Roads Control Act is.— Rs. 1,473—7—0 in the year 1118 (*i.e.* from 17th August 1942 to 16th August 1943) and Rs. 1,267—10—0 in 1119 (for the period from 17th August 1943 to 31st May 1944).

(*b*) Rs. 97,38,688—9—1 in the year 1941—42 and Rs. 1,60,45,528—1—11 in the year 1942—43.

(*c*) Under the Harbour Agreement, the State is to get 1/3 of the net customs revenue up to the first Rs. 63 lakhs+10 per cent of all excess over Rs. 63 lakhs+half share of the duty on Government stores.

The State's receipts of customs revenue were Rs. 24,49,289—11—9 for the year 1118 and Rs. 30,83,622—14—6 for the year 1119.

TERMINAL CHARGES—AMOUNT COLLECTED

130. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

The total amount of terminal charges collected at the Harbour Terminus Railway Station, in the years 1118 and 1119 todate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

The terminal charges are credited to the earnings of the Harbour Railway together with freight charges and separate figures are not readily available.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do the terminal charges come to us or is it divided in the pool ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is not in the pool. It is in the Harbour Railway.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it our railway, or their railway ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is their railway.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Then it must come necessarily in the Harbour Accounts.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It comes to the Harbour Railway which is owned by the port. It does not come in the pool for customs collection. The thing that is pooled is the customs revenue. This is quite distinct.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS IN WILLINGDON ISLAND—OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION OF

131. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state the Registration Office where documents relating to transactions relating to immovable properties such as

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